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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: "THIN-WALLED PLASTICS
BOTTLE, CLOSURE AND
BOTTLING PROCESS"

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final-action communication mailed on December 31, 2002 by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows.

This amendment, which is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116, (1) cancels withdrawn-from-consideration claims 2-6, (2) presents finally-rejected independent claims 11 and 12 in a better form for consideration on appeal, and (3) requests reconsideration of the Examiner's obviousness rejection.

More specifically, independent claim 11 is cancelled and re-written as independent claim 16, and independent claim 12 is amended. It is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 12 more than more clearly state the previously-claimed subject matter in terms that can be more clearly considered in the event that an appeal is necessary.

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